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In re application of:

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For: BAG VACUUM PACKAGING
METHOD USING ULTRASONIC
SEALING DEVICE AND VACUUM
PACKAGING MACHINE EQUIPPED
WITH ULTRASONIC SEALING
DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H9-48409 published in Japan on February 18, 1997;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Publication (Kokobu) No. H5-58988 (corresponding to Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H1-99924) published in Japan on April 18, 1989;
- C. Japanese Patent No. 3079185 (corresponding to Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H3-212327) published in Japan on September 17, 1991;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. S61-33915 published in Japan on February 18, 1986;
- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H9-254931 published in Japan on September 30, 1997; and
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-122219 published in Japan on May 8, 2001.

The above-listed prior art are not in the English language, but an English language abstract of each prior art (except for prior art D) is attached to the copy thereof. In addition, the concise explanation of relevance of the prior art A-D is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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